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VIRGINIA.

Investigation of suspected smallpox in Jackson City and vicinity.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 25, 1899.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions to investigate a suspicion that smallpox is present among the employees of the brickyards in the vicinity of Jackson City, Va., I have the honor to report the following:

On June 23 I visited the yard of the Morrison Brick Company, where there are about 115 men employed. Most of these were seen, and the only thing suspicious is the history of a man which was given me by the foreman and one of the gang who worked with him. This man came from Culpeper, Va., about three weeks ago seeking work, and though sick, with an eruption on his face, hands, and arms, was given employment. The eruption after he had been there a few days became "white blisters," and later exuded pus. He had been too sick to work for the past two days and was seen the day before in Alexandria. Search was instituted for this man, and it was found he had gone either to Clifton or Culpeper, where he is now supposed to be.

I inspected the body of a man who died two days before without medical attention; his death was due to other causes than smallpox, as he had been sick only a few hours.

There are between 30 and 40 residents in the yard, and the only persons vaccinated are the school children. The next yard visited was the Hydraulic Brick Company where there are 120 men employed and no residents. There was nothing suspicious here.

The Virginia Brick Company's yard was next, and employed 50 men, with no residents; these men were all well. Hibbs and Jones' Yard is not running; 3 employees, all well. N. T. Walker & Company employ 75 men, no residents; all the men well and at work, except 1 man, a resident of Washington, laid off on account of an ulcer on his leg. W. H. West & Bro. employ 100 men, no residents, all well. Chas. Ford employs 44 men, no residents. Jno. James, an employee of this yard, was taken to the pesthouse in Washington some time ago. The other men in this yard are well.

Jackson City was next visited; there are about 10 residents. Inquiry elicited the information that there has been no sickness and no vaccination. Johnstons Corner is a settlement of about 20 negroes, most of the men working in the brickyards; no sickness and none but school children vaccinated. Queen City has a population of 150, all negroes, many of them employed in the brickyards; no sickness and no adults vaccinated. Johnstons Hill or Jacksons Flat has from 300 to 400 inhabitants, negroes, most of them employed by the brickyards; no sickness and only vaccination among school children. On June 24 I visited Grinder's yard, where 14 men are employed; no residents and the employees all well. Rosslyn Brick Company employs 16; all well and no residents. The town of Rosslyn has about 250 inhabitants, most of them white; very few of them work in the yards. No sickness there, and, as usual, only the school children vaccinated. Nauck has a population of about 100, majority negroes, 15 of whom work in the yards. Nothing suspicious and no adults vaccinated. Ballston was visited on June 25; has 300 residents, nearly all white; no sickness, only school children vaccinated. Halls Hill, population 200, negro settlement, vaccination confined to the school children.

This inspection covers the 3 districts comprising Alexandria County.

namely, Washington, Arlington, and Jefferson. The inhabitants of the last-named district are nearly all colored, and the sanitary condition of the settlement is as bad as it could be.

I have interviewed Drs. Corbett, Talbot, Gott, and Slaughter, who practice in this county, and learn from them that the only 2 cases of smallpox treated during this year were in the Jefferson district, just north of Alexandria.

Very respectfully,

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Cerebro-spinal meningitis in the United States.

[Continued from last PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.]

LOUISIANA—*Shreveport*.—One death from cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported for the week ended June 24. Total since last of January, 1899, 30 deaths.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Philadelphia*.—Ten cases and 9 deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported during the period from June 3 to June 26, 1899. During the week ended July 1, 1 case and 1 death were reported.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, June 30, to July 7, 1899.

[For reports received from January 1 to June 30, 1899, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for June 30.]

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Georgia:				
Savannah.....	June 3-June 18...	5	.....	
Illinois:				
Chicago.....	June 20-June 27...	1	.....	
Kansas:				
Kansas City	June 10-June 17...	2	.....	
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	June 17-June 24...	2	.....	
Shreveport.....	do	2	.....	Doubtful.
Maryland:				
Baltimore.....	June 18-June 27...	17	.....	
Steelton.....	June 28.....	14	.....	
Massachusetts:				
Boston	June 27.....	2	1	
Fall River.....	June 27.....	1	.....	
Missouri:				
St. Louis	June 19-June 26...	4	.....	
Ohio:				
Cleveland	June 24.....	4	.....	
Pennsylvania:				
Allegheny County.....	June 3-June 26....	11	.....	
Belle Vernon.....	do	1	.....	
Brownsville Township.....	do	34	.....	
Cambria County.....	do	22	.....	
Clearfield County.....	do	1	.....	
Fayette County.....	do	10	.....	
Jefferson County.....	do	5	.....	
Philadelphia	do	40	.....	
Somerset.....	do	9	.....	
Washington.....	do	11	.....	
Westmoreland	do	1	.....	At Penn Station, several.
Porto Rico:				
Ponce.....	June 17.....	5	.....	
Virginia:				
Norfolk	June 22-June 27...	3	0	
Portsmouth	do	2	0	